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**FS-Memorandum**

**To:** Bureau of Land Management District Managers (Coos Bay, Eugene, Lakeview, Medford, Roseburg, and Salem), Field Managers (Klamath Falls and Tillamook, OR; Arcata, Redding, and Ukiah, CA), and Forest Service Supervisors and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Manager within the Northwest Forest Plan Area

**Subject:** Category B Species where Strategic Surveys are Considered Complete

The 2001 Survey and Manage Record of Decision (ROD) established criteria where Strategic Surveys are considered complete for Category B species (Standards and Guidelines, page 30). Strategic surveys are considered to be complete when any one of the following four conditions apply, and the resultant information has been compiled and analyzed, as appropriate, and presented in the appropriate form for use by the target audience. This form may range from inputting data into Interagency Species Management System (ISMS) for use during the Species Review Process to preparing a summary of the data and related Management Recommendations to assist project planners. The four conditions are:

1. The objectives of strategic surveys (such as species information needs) have been accomplished and information is sufficient to conclude that existing or resultant management direction will provide a reasonable assurance of persistence.
2. The objectives of strategic surveys (such as species information needs) have been accomplished and further surveys are not likely to contribute additional significant information about distribution, relative rarity, range, habitat associations, how to conduct pre-disturbance surveys, or other strategic survey objectives.
3. Adequate sites or habitat for the species have been located and are appropriately managed to provide reasonable assurance of persistence for the species.
4. For species with very limited habitat, all known potential habitat of the species has been surveyed, and there is little likelihood that additional undiscovered sites of the species will be located by further surveys.

A review of Strategic Surveys conducted yielded four bryophytes and four lichens that met the condition #2 outlined within the ROD. The eight species for which Strategic Surveys have been completed and Equivalent Effort Surveys are no longer required include:

Lichens: *Calicium abietinum*, *Chaenotheca chrysocephala*, *Chaenotheca ferruginea*, *Microcalicium arenarium*

Bryophytes: *Diplophyllum plicatum*, *Iwatsukiella leucotricha*, *Rhizomnium nudum*, *Tritomaria quinquedentata*

It is important to note that Equivalent Effort surveys are not required for the above listed species. The management of known sites, in accordance with the 2001 ROD, for the above listed Category B species remains applicable.

Included in Enclosure 1, is background information as per the above listed species and the rationale for Strategic Survey completion.

If you have questions on the information presented in this memo please contact the following individuals:

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Enclosure

1- Survey & Manage Category B Lichens & Bryophytes with Completed Strategic Surveys

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